GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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CREATION OF BACKWARD CASTE DEPARTMENT
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there has been any demand for creating an exclusive Backward Caste Department specially for their welfare;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The demand for creating an exclusive Backward Caste Department has been raised by the Backward Classes Associations.

(c) The Backward Classes Division of this Ministry looks after issues relating to welfare of OBCs. There is no proposal to create a separate Department for the purpose at present.